



PATENT  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 3806.0050-02

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
BLANCHE et al. ) Group Art Unit: 1652  
Application No.: 10/724,598 ) Examiner: K. Kerr (Prior Appln.)  
Filed: December 1, 2003 ) Confirmation No.: 8180  
)  
For: METHODS OF INCREASING THE PRODUCTION  
OF COBALAMINS USING COB GENE EXPRESSION (As Amended)

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants petition for a one month extension of time to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application dated August 9, 2004. A fee of \$110.00 is enclosed.

Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any additional required fees to our deposit account 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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